

REMARKS

This is a Response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 25-32 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 25-32. As noted above, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 27 and 29-32. The amendments are supported by the written description.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 25-32 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,154 ("154 patent"). Applicants have enclosed a Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Art Patent identifying the '154 patent. Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner to remove the rejection and allow Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 25-32.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Frisch (U.S. Patent Number 4,906,423). Claims 1, 4-7, 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Parsons et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,521,284). Without acceding to the propriety of the rejections, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to place this claim in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4-6, 25 and 26 depend from Claim 1 and should be allowable as well.

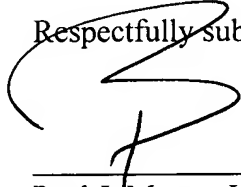
CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 25-32 are pending in this application. Examination and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0345.

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